

PET UPDATE

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This update is posted as part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area's efforts to keep the public informed on dogwalking in GGNRA.

Park Superintendent Thanks Dogwalking Groups for Cleanup Days:

"I want to thank the many dogwalking groups that have helped protect park resources and provide a pleasant visitor experience by organizing monthly cleanups in the park," stated GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill. Those groups that have helped manage this activity in the park include Crissy Field Dog Group, SFDOG and Fort Funston Dog Walkers.

Current Educational Campaign:

The GGNRA has developed brochures on where to walk your dog in the GGNRA, cards with tips on responsible dogwalking, leashes for those dogwalkers who visit the park without one and signage with information on the regulation.

Signs have now been placed in all areas of the GGNRA where dogs are allowed on leash to inform the public that they need to have their dogs on leash and pick up after them. The signs on Crissy Field involve changing the wording on 9 existing signs and placing one new sign near the entrance.

Future Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR):

At a March 21, 2001 press conference, Superintendent O'Neill laid out the park's intentions to gather public comments on dogwalking in the GGNRA and determine whether to take the process to its next step. That next step would be a form of rulemaking that could, if deemed appropriate, alter the existing regulation or provide some language that would specifically address how dog-use in the park would be managed at GGNRA.

The ANPR was drafted and sent to Washington for review on July 6, 2001. When that review is completed, the notice will be posted in the Federal Register and public input will be solicited. A notice will also be placed on this website to inform the public where they can get a copy of the ANPR and where to send their comments.

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